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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(Based on PCT/JP00/08863)

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FOR: VOICE COMMUNICATION :
DEVICE AND ECHO PROCESSING :
PROCESSOR :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 8, 13, 19-21, and 23 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows.

A1
14. (Amended) A voice communication device according to claim 1, wherein the echo processing unit comprises echo suppressing means for suppressing the transmitting input signal including the echo at an attenuation value corresponding to the speaker amplification value output from the control CPU.

A2
15. (Amended) A voice communication device according to claim 1, wherein the echo processing unit is formed of a digital signal processor.